

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

CANNON ET AL

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement dated March 13, 2003, having a one-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 13, 2003, the applicants elect Species I, embodied by Figs. 1-3b, without traverse. Applicants submit that claims 1-3 and 5-26 read upon Species I (with claims 1-3, 5, 10-13, and 16-24 being generic to all the Species) and respectfully request examination of these claims at this time.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required the applicants of the present application to elect one of the following disclosed species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Species I – Figures 1-3b;

Species II – Figure 4; and

Species III – Figure 5.